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Head For The Mountains With The Birds!

The CBC Spring Meeting will be held in Blowing Rock, NC, May 5-7, 2000. Blowing Rock is within two hours of Greensboro, Charlotte and Asheville, NC. If you've never experienced spring migration in the Blue Ridge Mountains, this would be a great time to treat yourself to an unforgettable experience. If you have been here in the spring, you'll surely want to come again. Spring migration should be at its peak, and there will be lots of mountain specialties to delight your eyes and ears.

For non-birding spouses and friends, the mountains are a marvelous place to relax and take a stroll, enjoy the wildflowers, shop for local crafts, visit historic sites, or gasp at the beauty of Linville Gorge.

For birders, the mountains in spring afford great birding opportunities for everyone, whether you prefer car-birding, short easy walks or strenuous hikes. Field trips to almost 20 different destinations are planned, most with easy walking, some with more difficult terrain. There will also be owl prowls after the evening programs. And some trips will focus on wildflowers or butterflies as well as birds. See the field trip descriptions for more details.

The evening programs will be held at Blowing Rock School. Books of interest to birders will be sold at a discount during the socials, thanks to Common Ground Distributors of Asheville, and there will be some neat door prizes, so bring your checkbook and your door-prize ticket to the school.

Both evening programs feature speakers who know these beautiful mountains extraordinarily well. Curtis Smalling, author of the Watauga County Checklist, will open the Friday program with a brief

introduction to the local birds.

Then Dr. Matthew Rowe, Professor of Biology at Appalachian State University and Northern Saw-whet Owl specialist, will speak on "Birding Through the Extinction Crisis: Why Should We Care?" As many CBC members are well aware, the Earth is in the midst of an extinction crisis. Humans have already caused the extinction of approximately 20% of the world's birds, with another 12% poised precipitously on the edge. Indeed, within our lifetimes, we may bear witness to the loss of up to one half of the planet's species of plants and animals. Is it just "birders" that should care? Might we be losing more than just the enchantment of listening to a wood thrush's song? In this evening program, richly illustrated with slides, Dr. Rowe will examine the ethical, economic, and ecological reasons we all must care. We hope to have some owls at the school after Dr. Rowe's talk.

On Saturday, Dr. Marcus B. Simpson, Jr., author of the user-friendly and essential classic, *Birds of the Blue Ridge Mountains*, will speak on "The Joy of Discovery: Naturalists of the Blue Ridge." He will discuss the more interesting and important naturalists who explored the Blue Ridge and the significance of their discoveries. This will include such figures as William Bartram, John Fraser, Andre Michaux, John Cairns, William Brewster. The stories include the discovery of Catawba Rhododendron, the pursuit of Shortia, the role of the Blue Ridge in the concept of evolution, the recognition that "northern" flora and fauna (particularly birds) had breeding ranges that extended far into the south along the high mountains, and how these naturalists

have provided important data on the environmental and ecological changes that affect the bird populations of the region. His talk will be illustrated with slides. Before his talk, Dr. Simpson will sign copies of his book, and his wife will offer her stained-glass birds and flowers for sale.

Directions to Blowing Rock School, 0.8 mile from Days Inn: Take US Bypass 321 N to traffic light at Sunset Drive. Turn left onto Sunset Drive and continue 1/4 mile to the school, which is on the left.

Our motel, Days Inn Mountain Resort, is located in Blowing Rock at US 321 Bypass and Ransom Street, near the Outback restaurant. If you wish to arrive before Friday, check with Days Inn about availability and cost. If no more rooms are available at Days Inn, other possibilities include the following, all within a mile or two of the Days Inn and local restaurants (prices are for 2 people on Thursday unless noted):

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Weather Hampers Beaufort Meeting

by Charlotte Goedsche

For the second time in a row, record-setting weather events prevented many from attending the CBC seasonal meeting. The 65 or so CBCers who did make it to Beaufort, SC, Jan. 28-30, found warm fellowship, cold weather, and good birds.

When we gathered for the field trips Friday morning we learned that seven field trip leaders hadn't made it to Beaufort. But Van Atkins, who coordinated the meeting, maintained a cool head and was the epitome of flexibility, so those in attendance followed suit. If you were signed up for the trip to Donnelley Wildlife Management Area, you went to Bear Island WMA instead. (Not one person objected to seeing the Tundra Swans at Bear Island, either.) And once you got to Bear Island, if you hadn't signed up for the wagon tour of the refuge, no matter-- you got into the wagon as you were told, and enjoyed a tour of areas inaccessible by car.

As Bald Eagles flew by, Tom Murphy, who works at the refuge, gave a fascinating account of the eagles nesting there. We also saw hundreds of egrets (Great and Snowy) and herons (Great Blue, Tricolored, Little Blue) and ibis (White and Glossy), and a few night-herons. Ducks, of course, were plentiful and beautiful, and some CBCers were fortunate enough to see three of the mallard group, namely Mallard, Black and Mottled ducks, the latter being a specialty of Bear Island. For many, the avocets, snipe and a Wood Stork were a special treat.

The rain and near-freezing temperature Saturday morning could have doomed some trips, but Chris Marsh, the biologist at Spring Island, was undaunted and led a group down to this exquisite island. While we waited in the Mobley Nature Center for the rain to abate, Chris told us about the successful efforts of the developers to preserve the island's natural habitat. On our tour, we saw historic ruins and an area thickly covered with blooming trillium, a very welcome sight. Chris knew exactly where to find a Sedge Wren, and we enjoyed Black-and-White, Palm, Pine, and the ubiquitous Yellow-rumped Warblers, too.

Like Spring Island, Harbour Island is not open to the public, but Harbour Island residents George and Judy Halleron led field trips there, and participants were rewarded with both Great Black-backed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, as well as Piping Plovers, Horned Grebes and a Red-breasted Merganser.

Other highlights which were seen by many at the meeting included five Sandhill Cranes at Donnelley WMA, a Great Horned Owl on her nest in the crotch of a big Live Oak at the entrance to Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, and a male Baltimore Oriole nearby.

Friday evening, Jim Elliott from the SC Center for Birds of Prey and John Cely from the SC Department of Natural Resources showed slides of their research on the Swallow-tailed Kite, including one taken of Van Atkins just before he climbed up to the top of a slender 90-foot cypress to a nest. It could have been the last photo of Van, but he made it up--and down--safely.

By placing satellite and radio transmitters on the kites, researchers have not only learned where the kites spend the winter (in Brazil), but also have gleaned information about their nesting, foraging and roosting sites. They hope to develop management recommendations for this endangered bird.

The Swallow-tailed Kite used to range as far north as Minnesota, but now is found only in the southeast, where around 350 birds spend the summer in South Carolina.

Flexibility was the order of the day again on Saturday. The presenter for the
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March 8, 2000. Along with the "Snowstorm of the Century" or the "Snowstorm of a Lifetime" came the birds. We had our usual cardinals, chickadees, titmice, goldfinches, and Downy Woodpeckers, but a Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a Purple Finch showed up with the snow. The kinglet quickly moved from the seeds to the suet and vied for a spot with the Carolina Wren and Pine Warblers.

On the front suet, which is on a platform, the bluebirds became regulars and have continued even though the snow is long gone. Yellow-rumped Warblers, White-breasted, Brown-headed, and Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Song Sparrow, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were driven to the feeders. We even had our first grackle and a Red-winged Blackbird.

After the snow had been on the ground a couple of days, a towhee and a Fox Sparrow visited the spot CJ had shoveled down to the grass and scattered food.

The odd thing was the absence of the Red-bellied Woodpeckers. They had been regulars at our suet until the snow, and we never saw one until the snow was gone. Where did they go? We hoped for Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins. CJ saw two siskins on Feb. 9, after the snow, but I missed them. Our first cowbird of the season showed up on Feb. 26, way too early for me.

Claudia and Dean Pelczar, who live a couple of miles from us and out in the woods, were walking in their woods during the snow and saw a vulture hobbling through the woods on the ground. When they could finally get a good look, they realized the bird had a broken wing. A few days later, the vulture was hobbling around their feeders.

Next, I have to apologize to Ginger

Backyard Birding

with Frances J. Nelson

Travis who sent me an e-mail to our Gateway address, and I neglected to check it. Actually, I didn't realize I didn't know how to check it until one day in Feb. when I accidentally found her letter dated Nov. 8. Ms Travis says, "Today at lunchtime I was standing on top of a stepladder trying to change the position of a suet feeder on a dead cedar in my yard. A Red-breasted Nuthatch flew to the top of the cedar, eight feet above my head. I held still, grasping the cedar trunk with one hand, my other hand wrapped around the suet feeder. Suddenly, the nuthatch flew down to the suet feeder, clung to the side of the basket opposite my hand, and began to dig away in the suet cake. I could feel the pressure of the suet against my hand as the nuthatch whacked away at it. And the bird was so close to my face that I couldn't focus on it well—I wished for my reading glasses! The nuthatch ate and I watched it for maybe 30 seconds before it flew, but it seemed like a really long time. Now that the experience is over, it's kind of a blur. Mostly what's left in my mind is, WOW!"

I also heard from Reece Mitchell, Flat Rock, NC, who also had good birds during the snow. He and Judy set a new week-end record of 27 species in two days. They had a Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, and their first Red-breasted Nuthatch.

Finally, I received an e-mail, dated Feb. 27, from Jean McCoy of Greensboro saying she and her husband have had

Purple Finches at their sunflower seed feeder since Dec. 5. One day, they had nine at one time—must have been a sight. Ms. McCoy also sent some interesting information about last spring. "On May 11, the White-breasted Nuthatch pair brought two chicks to the yard and fed them bits of suet; then the adults flew toward the nearby woods. One chick followed; the other started but then veered off over our deck and into a bedroom window. It was not really stunned, just confused. I held it for a while, and then let it go, headed away from the house, but back it went to that window. This time I put it into a box with the lid off, and parked the box in a sunny spot as close to the woods as possible, hoping it would hear the adults and follow the sound. I kept going back to look but the bird didn't move. The late afternoon turned chilly so I went to bring the little bird in for the night, and this time it was gone. There was no sign of a struggle so I had hopes for it. Two days later the nuthatch pair was back with two chicks, so we assume the stunned chick was ok.

"On June 6, a male cardinal was so full of spunk it chased a Blue Jay away from the sunflower seed feeder, not once but several times. It acted as if it really didn't have time to bother with pushy jays. Finally, the cardinal had to threaten and then follow the retreating jay to get its point across. The jay went to the ground after that."

That's it for Backyard Birding this time. Thanks to those of you who contributed this time. I guess now we wait and see if this really is Clyde's last newsletter. Keep the information coming anyway to:

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WILDLIFE TO ENJOY HABITAT WITH A HELPING HAND

Shuford Memorial Sanctuary to House Regional Wildlife Clinic, Environmental Education Center

When CBC members voted last year to sell the CBC land in Columbus to the son of the woman who originally donated it, the vote set in motion a chain of events that will do much more than just protect the land from development. It will help thousands of birds and other animals throughout Western North Carolina!

In accordance with the vote, Robert L. Shuford III bought the 82-acre Shuford Memorial Sanctuary from CBC for \$80,000. That money has since been put into the CBC permanent endowment. Before the sale, CBC placed conservation easements on the property that will protect the land from any future building or timbering. Pacolet Area Conservancy is responsible for enforcing the easements in perpetuity.

Last month, also in accordance with last year's vote, Robert Shuford donated a 25-year lease to the Carolina Kids' Conservancy for use of existing farm buildings and surrounding acreage. The nonprofit CKC will be allowed to renovate the existing buildings for mission-related purposes.

Recently, CKC unveiled architectural renderings and plans to transform the former dairy farm buildings into a regional wildlife rehabilitation clinic, a headquarters for the CKC, a home base for CKC's nonreleasable education animals, and an environmental education center.

Shuford, CKC Executive Director Mark Hufford, and Paul Squires, immediate past president of Pacolet Area Conservancy, all expressed their thanks to CBC's members at a recent kickoff event for the renovation project. CBC Board member John Huggins was on hand to accept thanks on behalf of CBC.

"We couldn't invent a more ideal site to anchor our two-state organization," Hufford says. "Not only does it protect a beautiful natural setting from a wave of rapid development, it provides easily accessible facilities and grounds that will showcase our organization's three interconnected focus areas. Carolina Kids' Conservancy is dedicated to environmental education, wildlife

rehabilitation, and habitat conservation."

"The renovation project will develop a desperately needed regional wildlife rehabilitation facility in a complex of buildings that were the farm milking barn, lounging barn, and calf sheds" Hufford says. "The milking barn also will include a modest office that will move CKC headquarters out of my home."

"After a collaborative planning process with other area nonprofit organizations, the farm hay barn will be transformed into an environmental education facility," Hufford says. "The barn will likely include a rustic auditorium to present wildlife programs to visiting school groups, interactive museum-style exhibits about wildlife rehabilitation and human-caused wildlife hazards, and an area to train an expanding staff of outreach educators. As the project develops, CKC will involve children in habitat improvement projects on Shuford

The formal dedication of Shuford Memorial Sanctuary at Columbus, NC, will take place on Saturday April 29, 2000 starting at 2:00 p.m. All CBC members are cordially invited to attend.

Robert Shuford

Memorial Sanctuary such as developing a bluebird trail, planting chestnut trees, and raising wildlife-oriented cover crops."

"All of these plans may sound like a lot of activity," Hufford says, "but this will really be a very quiet operation. The facility generally will not be open to the public except to drop off wounded wild animals, or on special occasions. Visiting school groups will be admitted on a scheduled, limited basis only."

"We always will be mindful that this is first and foremost a wildlife sanctuary," Hufford said. "Our use of the dairy farm buildings will allow us to pursue our mission in the midst of a tranquil setting once the renovation is complete."

"After 35 years of relative inactivity on

the Sanctuary, I am very excited and energized by CKC's ambitious plans and activist, hands-on approach," says Shuford. "As a schoolteacher, I well understand the excitement and enthusiasm the CKC program and approach will generate among school-age youth."

Paul Squires is equally enthusiastic. "I want to thank all of the CBC members for the action they have taken that has permitted this land to be preserved forever as an 'island of green.' Unlike most lands under conservation easement by PAC, this land not only will provide habitat for wildlife but also will support a dynamic environmentally oriented workplace. We already have seen an enthusiastic response by our communities to the open house presentations made to showcase these programs by the CKC. I would be hard-pressed to think of any better use for this land."

In addition, Squires says, "It truly was great to find that diverse organizations and people could work together to make this Sanctuary a reality. Dr. Robert Shuford, members of the CBC, PAC, CKC, supportive neighbors and friends—all had different missions but all shared the underlying wish to see this land preserved, protected, and used in a manner consistent with the 'green' wishes of Mrs. Shuford Brown. I am gratified that PAC was able to provide the glue to help pull all of this together. My thanks to all of you."

For Hufford and the CKC, the work has just begun. Renovation costs are estimated at \$250,000 to renovate and outfit the wildlife clinic and headquarters, and another \$150,000 to \$200,000 to develop the education center at the hay barn. CKC has applied for a grant from CBC's accumulated endowment income, which is now under consideration by the CBC Board.

In the meantime, CBC members looking for more information or wishing to support the development of CKC's wildlife clinic and education center may call Hufford at (828) 894-2161 or write to Carolina Kids' Conservancy, P.O. Box 948, Columbus, NC 28722.

Field Trip Schedule

CBC Spring Meeting, Blowing Rock, NC

May 5-7, 2000

Departure times below are staggered to avoid congestion. Please meet in the motel parking lot five minutes before departure to car pool. Half-day morning trips return to the motel around noon; half-day afternoon and full-day trips return to the motel around 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Trip # Departure Time Name of Trip

Friday, May 5, Half-Day Morning Trips

1	7:00 am	Wagner Property (or meet en route at 7:45)
2	7:10 am	New River SP & surrounding areas
3	7:20 am	E.B. Jeffress Park and overlooks
4	7:30 am	Bass and Trout Lakes

Friday, May 5, Half-Day Afternoon Trips

5	1:00 pm	Altapass Orchard
6	1:05 pm	Linville Falls: Birds & Wildflowers
7	1:10 pm	Profile Trail & local parks (\$4)
8	1:15 pm	Grandfather Mountain & Rough Ridge (\$8.50)
9	1:20 pm	Rich Mountain Gap
10	1:25 pm	Julian Price Memorial Park
11	1:30 pm	Bass and Trout Lakes

Friday, May 5, After Evening Program

12 & 13	Owl Prowl
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Saturday, May 6, Full-Day Trips

14	7:00 am	Bluff Mountain: Wildflowers & Birds (\$10)
15	7:00 am	W. Kerr Scott Reservoir
17	7:05 am	Little Lost Cove Cliffs & Harper Crk.
19	7:15 am	Flycatcher Loop
20	7:15 am	Rich Mountain Loop
26	8:00 am	Sampson Rd & Blue Ridge Pky: Butterflies & Birds

Trip # Departure Time Name of Trip

Saturday, May 6, Half-Day Morning Trips

16	7:05 am	New River State Park
18	7:10 am	Wagner Property
21	7:20 am	E.B. Jeffress Park and overlooks
22	7:20 am	Altapass Orchard
23	7:25 am	Julian Price Memorial Park
24	7:30 am	Sim's Pond Overlook
25	7:30 am	Bass and Trout Lakes

Saturday, May 6, Half-Day Afternoon Trips

27	1:00 pm	E.B. Jeffress Park and overlook
28	1:00 pm	Linville Falls: Birds & Wildflowers
29	1:05 pm	Grandfather Mountain & Rough Ridge (\$8.50)
30	1:05 pm	Rich Mountain Gap
31	1:10 pm	Sim's Pond Overlook
32	1:10 pm	Bass and Trout Lakes

Saturday, May 6, After Evening Program

33 & 34	Owl Prowl
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Sunday, May 7

35	6:30 am	Three Top Mountain (\$10, Register with The Nature Conservancy)
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Three organized field trips will visit hot spots and a coupon will be available for birding on your own at Grandfather Mountain at a reduced rate (\$8.50).

Spring Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Unless otherwise noted, all trips leave from the motel, are easy walking and have rest rooms available. Driving and walking distances given are approximate. Some trips have strict limits on the number of participants; so be sure to get your registration form in early. Bring water and a lunch for all full-day trips. Note that the Wagner Property trip can be joined Friday morning on your way to the meeting from the south. An option for those heading home to the south Sunday morning is a special Warbler Walk at Chimney Rock Park (see last field trip description).

Owl Prowls--#12, 13, 33, 34. After the program each evening, two trips will head in different directions to look for Barred, Great Horned, Eastern Screech, and Northern Saw-whet Owls. Limit: 20 per trip.

Half-day Trips

Wagner Property--#1, 18. This private property is located just a half-hour south of Blowing Rock in Happy Valley, NC. We have special permission from the owners to bird this special habitat. It
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is a large marsh with at least ten Green Heron nests and the potential for American Bittern, which has been spotted here several times in spring. There will also be loads of orioles, tanagers, vireos and warblers. This will be a good spot for Yellow-breasted Chat and other old-field species, too. On Friday this trip will leave the motel at 7:00 a.m. and wait at the gas station at the intersection of US 321 and NC 268, about 4 miles north of Lenoir, until 7:45 for folks coming from the south.

New River State Park (Wagoner Access) and surrounding areas--#2, 16. The New River, which originates just north of Blowing Rock and is the second oldest river system in the world, is a treasure-trove of nature. We'll walk along the river and nature trail at the park looking for cuckoos, sparrows and blackbirds. Wilson's Warbler has been seen here in past springs. On the way back we will make several stops for Warbling Vireo, Willow Flycatcher, Spotted Sandpiper and a good assortment of swallows. Drive: 40 miles one way.

E. B. Jeffress Park and overlooks--#3, 21, 27. We'll walk the Cascades Nature Trail at Jeffress Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway where we'll have a nice view of the waterfall that plunges toward the Yadkin River. Birds here should include a good assortment of warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, and Blue-headed Vireo. At the nearby Lewis Fork and Stoney Fork Valley Overlooks, we should see Cerulean Warbler (there were five singing males here last year), Black-billed Cuckoo, Acadian Flycatcher and American Redstart. There is a detour due to construction, but we should see good birds along the way. Drive: 20 miles one way plus detour.

Bass and Trout Lakes--#4, 11, 25, 32. These two small lakes, located in Moses Cone Memorial Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway, offer some of the best birding along the parkway. As we casually stroll along the carriage paths, we will be rewarded with birds such as Canada, Black-and-white, Hooded, Black-throated Blue, and Black-throated Green warblers. This is also one of the few places left in NC where Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers are known to nest. We should see some lingering waterfowl on the lakes and perhaps a singing Brown Creeper. Drive: less than 5 miles one way.

Altapass Orchard--#5, 22. The apple blossoms should be in full bloom at the time of our arrival--and full of migrants gorging themselves on the insects and buds! Orchard and Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, and a variety of warblers are expected for this trip. Although the orchard won't be open to the public until the end of May, the staff will be opening the packhouse for coffee, apple cider and, most importantly, rest rooms! They are working on a bird list for the orchard and are looking forward to having us. Drive: 36 miles one way.

Linville Falls: Birds and Wildflowers--#6, 28. This spot has long been known for nesters such as Peregrine Falcon and Red Crossbill. Along with beautiful views of the falls, we'll see lots of migrants, including Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Kentucky Warbler and Acadian Flycatcher. Wildflowers should be abundant here as well, so bring your field guide! Drive: 15 miles one way.

Profile Trail and local parks--#7. The Profile Trail is largely mid-elevation hardwood forest with rhododendron understory, and is a good spot for Canada, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warblers; Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. We will walk only the first 1/2 mile. This walk is of moderate difficulty, but walking at the next three stops is easy. We'll visit Coleman Fields, adjacent to a variety of habitats, including a cattail marsh, the Watauga River; a nursery and Christmas tree plantation. Red-winged Blackbird, nesting sparrows (Field, Chipping, Song), and Chestnut-sided and Yellow Warblers are usually here. Migration may yield waders and shorebirds. Our next stop is Valle Crucis Community Park, one of the area's hot spots with a few county records (Sora and Sedge Wren in May). There will be shorebirds, warblers, flycatchers, and nesting Tree Swallows. This is the most reliable spot in the county for Bobolinks in migration. The last stop will be Watauga River Road, where Osprey and fledgling Great Horned Owls are a possibility. Drive: 40-mile loop. Fee: \$4 for the Profile Trail.

Grandfather Mountain and Rough Ridge--#8, 29. First we'll drive to Grandfather Mountain to see the birds at the feeders and check out some of the trails, where we could see Ruffed Grouse, Red Crossbill, and any number of warbler species. Then we'll drive back to the Rough Ridge Trail. This trail is moderate---but well worth it!! It opens up to a breathtaking 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains and valleys. We should see Winter Wrens, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Magnolia Warblers along the trail. Drive: 18 miles one-way. Fee: \$8.50 for Grandfather Mtn.

Rich Mountain Gap--#9, 30. This high elevation (3800' to 4500') pasture land, located between Rich Mountain and Snake Mountain, is a good spot for sparrows and other high-elevation breeders. We should encounter Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrows, Common Raven, Least Flycatcher, and Canada, Chestnut-sided and Golden-winged Warblers. Most birds can be easily seen from the road, but there is a moderate to strenuous hike for those wanting to see Golden-wingeds and upper-elevation birds. No rest rooms. Drive: 22 miles one way.

Julian Price Memorial Park--#10, 23. Tree Swallows have recently begun nesting here in the boxes around the picnic area so we should have some great views of them. We will walk the first part of the Boone Fork trail through the bog looking for Alder Flycatcher and various sparrow species. Then we'll walk around Julian Price Lake for a variety of vireos, warblers and other migrants. We should also see several beaver dams and some waterfowl. Drive: 5 miles one way.

Sim's Pond Overlook--#24, 31. We'll walk the loop trail at Sim's Pond for warblers and vireos. There should be several Winter Wrens in song along the easy trail. Swainson's Warbler is possible as there are very dense rhododendron thickets here, and Eastern Screech Owls nest in some of the old growth Eastern Hemlocks. We may also get a glimpse of a beaver near their lodge by the pond. Drive: 4 miles one way.

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Full-day Trips

Bluff Mountain: Wildflowers and Birds--#14. This trip to a limited-access site owned by The Nature Conservancy was very popular at the 1992 Spring meeting in Boone. With a rare high-elevation bog and one of the largest free-falling waterfalls in western NC, it is easy to see why! The birdlife will be similar to that of most of our other field trips, but the wildflowers should be spectacular. Bluff Mountain is "a plant person's paradise," according to local naturalist Curtis Smalling. If there's time, we'll stop at Mt. Jefferson State Park on the way back for a good chance of seeing Ruffed Grouse and some more migrants. Fairly strenuous 2-hour hike to summit with 2400' gain in elevation. Drive: 1 hour one way. \$10 donation to TNC (bring check on trip). Limit: 10.

W. Kerr Scott Reservoir--#15. The reservoir, built by the Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding in Wilkesboro, has many parks and accesses along highways 421 and 268 which are productive for birding. Stopping by the dam, we'll check for sparrows and migrating waterfowl from the lower parking area. Osprey and Bald Eagle are both possible at this time of year. Mountain View Overlook is another good vantage point where we'll see kettling hawks and migrants who will be at eye-level, making for easy identification. Drive: 60 miles one way.

Little Lost Cove Cliffs and Harper Creek in Pisgah National Forest--#17. This 4-mile loop is moderate to strenuous and involves hopping over Harper Creek several times. We will transverse a variety of habitats, including Dry Ridge Forest, Rocky Outcrops, Cove Forest and Riparian Forest, with good examples of forest birds from 2,500-4,000 feet. There will be a diversity of warblers (Black-throated Blue, Canada, Louisiana Waterthrush, Hooded, Ovenbird), plus Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager and others. We may see raptors, including Peregrine Falcon, from the cliffs. No rest rooms. Drive: 40 minutes one way. Limit: 14.

Flycatcher Loop--#19. This section of western NC holds a good variety of flycatcher species. Starting at Julian Price picnic area, we'll try for Alder Flycatcher. Heading north from there, we'll see Acadian and Willow Flycatchers along the New River and try for Least and Great-crested along the valleys. There will be plenty of other breeding birds and migrants, too. Driving distance will depend on where we go.

Rich Mountain Loop--#20. We'll begin the day at Trout Lake before heading to Valle Crucis Community Park. We'll end the day at Rich Mountain Gap for sparrows. (See descriptions of all three destinations under half-day trips.) Drive: 40-mile loop.

Sampson Road and Blue Ridge Parkway: Butterflies and Birds--#26. We will first work Sampson Road, a dirt road leading east off the Blue Ridge Parkway, down the escarpment. There are several fords in the road where butterflies should be seen at the water's edge and on mud nearby. The mixed forests along the road harbor Swainson's, Worm-eating, and many other warblers. We will probably drive back up this road, and eat a picnic lunch along the Blue Ridge Parkway perhaps at the Linn Cove Visitors

Center. We will look for butterflies and birds there, at Grandmother Mountain (a gravel road goes to the top, where we hope to see some "hilltopping" by butterflies), and at Flat Rock. The walk is easy in the morning, moderate in the afternoon. Rest rooms only at Linn Cove Visitors Center. Drive: 60 miles total.

Three Top Mountain: Wildflowers and Birds--#35. This trip to a limited-access site owned by The Nature Conservancy involves a strenuous one hour hike up to the top of the mountain and an hour down. It is a rich forest that will be completely covered with wildflowers, including trillium, larkspur, dutchman's britches, trout lily, and squirrel corn. Among the common nesting birds are Canada and Chestnut-sided Warblers, Veery, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Scarlet Tanager and Common Raven, and we have a chance of seeing Golden-winged Warbler, in addition to migrants. Those who don't wish to go all the way to rock top may go as far as they want and turn around. No rest rooms. Drive: one hour one way. \$10 donation to TNC. Limit: 12. *This trip must be reserved through Tracy Matthews of TNC by April 21. Call her at 919-403-8558, or e-mail her at ttriggs-matthews@tnc.org.* She will tell you if you've made the list, and where to send the \$10 to hold your place.

Warbler Walk at Chimney Rock Park, Chimney Rock, NC. This trip is being led by Simon Thompson at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning for Chimney Rock Park. We will meet inside the park at the top parking lot at the entrance to the tunnel, and walk along the Forest Stroll Trail to the base of Hickory Nut Falls. This trail will afford us great views of many warbler species, as well as other migrants. The Forest Stroll Trail is flat, although a little rocky in places. If time permits, we may do some of the new "Four Seasons Trail," which is steeper. No pre-registration required. The entry fee to Chimney Rock Park is \$10.95 per person or \$19.95 for a season pass.

Huntington Beach (continued)

Marsh Boardwalk. An elevated viewing platform at the south end of the pond provides a panoramic spot to scope for fowl or the occasional American Bittern.

Huntington Beach State Park can provide an afternoon escape from the attractions of the Grand Strand, as well as a lifetime of memories. Stop by if you get the chance, you won't be disappointed.

Logistics: HBSP is located 17 miles south of Myrtle Beach on US17. The entrance to the park is just north of Brookgreen Gardens, another worthwhile stop if you are in the area. An admission of \$4 per person is collected at the gate. Camping is available year-round. Drinks and snacks are available at the camp store. Restrooms are located throughout the facility. Mailboxes near the saltwater causeway and the north beach parking lot provide a list of recent sightings.

--Steve Shultz--

Huntington Beach State Park, A Grand Strand Birding Jewel

I first became acquainted with Huntington Beach State Park (HBSP) in the spring of 1996. A ranger at Myrtle Beach State Park was confirming my identification of Bonaparte's Gull when she offhandedly mentioned the birding opportunities at Huntington Beach, 17 miles to the south. Having a few hours to kill, I ventured down, paid my admission, and began a love affair with this special place. My visits over the past four years parallel my growth as a birder, from staring hopelessly at mixed flocks of shorebirds, to gaining confidence in difficult identifications, to seeing rare or uncommon birds like the Smith's Longspur.

The secret to HBSP's success is varied habitat and little development, at least at the north end of the park. The visitor first enters through a shady tangle of maritime forest. Twisted live oaks part to reveal a broad saltmarsh, two freshwater impoundments, and finally, the barrier spit.

The saltmarsh and freshwater impoundments, affectionately known as Mullet Pond and Mallard Pond, provide easy access to many of the species found in coastal South Carolina. Walk along the Saltmarsh Boardwalk to a world of snails, crabs, rails and shorebirds. Clapper Rails are commonly seen creeping along near the boardwalk searching for a meal while avoiding the Northern Harriers winging above. The lucky observer may find a Virginia Rail or a Sora peeking out from the dense *spartina*. Falling and rising tides bring waves of shorebirds to feed on the many creatures making a home in the mud. Black and Yellow Crowned Night Herons are often found perched on the boardwalk at dawn. Frequently one can observe one of the local Bald Eagles waiting to waylay an Osprey after a successful fishing expedition.

Turning from the saltmarsh to the first freshwater impoundment, Mullet Pond, observers are often surprised to see American Alligators and coots sleeping together on the same small island. Mullet Pond often hosts rafts of wintering

waterfowl, occasionally hosting uncommon species such as Tundra Swan. A thick fringe of reeds surrounds the pond. This habitat is accessible to the birder via two elevated walkways. These platforms make a wonderful spot to relax on a cool June morning while Least Bitterns fish below. The southernmost boardwalk provides a covered area for those wishing to stay out of the sun, or escape a passing shower.

Mallard Pond is separated by Mullet Pond by a narrow causeway known as the "carriage path". This road was once the main entrance to the Huntington family's winter home, Atalaya. The carriage path offers some of the best passerine birding in the park. Spring and fall migrations produce numbers of vireos, warblers, and other birds who pause to glean the trees lining the path. The causeway also provides a peek into the shallowest end of Mullet Pond. At times of lower water levels shorebirds that normally shun saltwater habitats may be found. The nests of Black Necked Stilts and Common Moorhens are occasionally seen among the reeds.

For many birders HBSP means "the jetty". This refers to the southernmost of the two jetties protecting Murrell's Inlet. The inlet separates the park from the town of Garden City Beach to the north. The jetty is easily accessible to birders and is paved along its entire length. The jetty area is often the location of many rarities reported from the park. To reach the jetty one parks at the north (or jetty) parking area and walks along the beach.

According to my GPS the base of the jetty is 1.25 miles from the parking area and the seaward tip is 1.50 miles away. A nice hike in on a cool fall day, a seemingly endless march with full gear on a humid July afternoon. Nonetheless, the hike is often worth the trouble. Summer brings terns and migrating shorebirds to the large tidal pool at the base of the jetty. Five tern species are easy; six are possible if you arrive during Black Tern migration. Fall and winter bring more shorebirds, ducks, and sparrows. A reliable spot for Lapland

Longspurs is the sparsely vegetated flats extending from the jetty's landward tip. This area usually hosts a Reddish Egret each fall and early winter. A Peregrine Falcon can often be seen perched on markers in the saltmarsh during the winter months, and Great Cormorants are seen daily during the cooler months. The seaward portion of the jetty can be attractive to sea ducks including all three scoters, Oldsquaw (Long-tailed Duck), scaup, Bufflehead, and the occasional Common Eider. The best days for sea ducks are typically the least pleasant days for sea duck watchers, cold windy days when heavy surf crashes against the rocks. Even if the weather is beautiful and the sea ducks scarce, one should be able to find HBSP's Purple Sandpipers. Up to 80 of these tame sandpipers can often be seen resting or feeding among the rocks. If the birds are not on the south jetty, check the north jetty with a scope.

Birders may wish to make a short detour behind the primary dune as they return to the north parking area. The rear face of the dune is a favored habitat of the declining Common Ground Dove. Birds are often found in the last few hundred yards before the cutover to the parking area.

The parking area can be good for birds after periods of heavy rain. I saw my first Buff Breasted Sandpiper while sitting comfortably in a picnic shelter near the parking lot. One or more Loggerhead Shrikes are normally found peering from the tops of trees in the grassy play area near the picnic shelter. Sandpiper Pond lies just out of sight south of the parking area, the freshwater filling a swale behind the primary dunes. The variety of waterfowl is often greater here than on Mullet Pond during winter. A few lucky birders have reported sighting the rarely seen Black Rail in the reeds surrounding the pond. A one-mile trail, Sandpiper Pond Trail, runs from the north parking lot along the western edge of the pond, terminating at the parking area for the

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CBC Spring Field Trips

Roanoke River

Leader: Merrill Lynch

Limit: 12 participants

April 30, 2000

Cost: \$10

Target birds will be Cerulean Warbler, Swainson's Warbler and Mississippi Kite. Should easily see 70 species, including Wild Turkey, Kentucky Warbler, Scarlet Tanager and Yellow-throated Vireo. Trip is on Sunday to have access to Wildlife Commission Gamelands and avoid turkey hunters. We will also bird on private property on the south side of the river in Halifax and Martin counties. We might drive as much as 50 miles, stopping at various places along the river.

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the WRC boat

ramp on the south side of US 258 bridge at Roanoke river, located five miles north of Scotland Neck, NC. Bring sturdy waterproof shoes (or shoes you don't mind getting wet), bug spray, long pants and a picnic lunch. Folks are free to leave after lunch; hardcores are welcome to continue birding through the afternoon. We could try for Henslow's Sparrow then or check the upper end of Roanoke Rapids Lake for waterbirds.

Accommodations: Many motels along I-95 and Hwy. 301 around Rocky

Mount, Gold Rock and Roanoke Rapids. All about 30 minutes drive from starting point of trip. The Roanoke Rapids and Weldon exit at I-95 has Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn, Days Inn, Econo Lodge, Hampton Inn and Interstate Inn.

Registration: Call Merrill Lynch at (919) 403-8558 or e-mail him at mlynch@tnc.org to reserve space. Once he confirms your reservation, mail your check and reservation form to CBC headquarters at the address indicated on the form.

Southern Mountains Splendor

Leaders: Dwayne & Lori Martin

Limit: 20 participants

May 20, 2000

Cost: \$10

Warblers, Warblers, and more Warblers! That is what will be in store for our group as we venture through the mountains for a day of breath-taking spring splendor. The group will make its way up Curtis Creek Road, which has long had the reputation as one of the best places in the state for the elusive Swainson's Warbler. The route traverses several habitat zones in its 2500+ elevation ascent to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Aside from the Swainson's Warbler, we should find Parula, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Hooded, Canada, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warblers along our way. Other low to mid-elevation nesters that we could see include, Acadian Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, and Ruffed Grouse.

Upon reaching the parkway, we will make our way down to Mt. Mitchell

where we will stop for lunch and a little birding. The restaurant is very "birder friendly" and is probably the most reliable spot in the Carolinas for Red Crossbill and Pine Siskins. You may choose to either pack your own lunch or order from the menu. We will take a short walk down the Commissary Shelter Road for some high elevation nesters such as, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Red-breasted Nuthatch. After leaving Mt. Mitchell, and if time permits, we will make a brief stop at the Craggy Gardens Picnic area to try for Golden-winged Warbler.

It's off to Bull Creek Overlook then, on the parkway near Asheville where we should find Cerulean Warbler for the day's tally. There are several pair who breed here and are seen with some regularity. By the end of the day (6:00 p.m.), we

should easily have seen 18-20 species of warblers and a myriad of other beautiful spring songbirds. If you have a wildflower guide, don't hesitate to bring it along, as the roadsides will be alive with all sorts of trillium, Solomon's Seals, Heartleaf Ginger, and Wild Geraniums.

The group will be meeting at 8:00am at the Stuckey's on exit 75 (Parker Padgett Road) off of Interstate 40. The nearest lodging is in Marion, at exit 85 on I-40 at the Park West Inn for \$49.05 per night (includes buffet breakfast). A Super 8 Motel and Hampton Inn are also available at this exit.

Registration: Call Lori Martin at (828)459-2652 or e-mail at dlmartin@twave.net to reserve a space and for more details. Mail your check and reservation form to CBC headquarters at the address indicated on the form.

Cape Lookout--Shackleford Banks, NC

Leader: John Fussell

Limit: 12 participants

May 20, 2000
Cost: \$10 (plus \$25 payable at ferry)

This will be a day-long trip to the remote Cape Lookout National Seashore by ferry from Harkers Island.

We will leave Harkers Island

(Barbour's Harbor Marina) at 8:00 a.m. and spend the morning at Cape Lookout where we will focus our attention on the patches of pine and shrub thickets, hoping

for unusual migrants or vagrants, like the Black-whiskered Vireo that showed up in 1994. We may also do a little ocean watching. (continued on next page)

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Alpine Village Inn - 828-295-7206 - \$60; Brookside Inn - 828-295-3380 - \$89 Fri/Sat \$60 Thurs; Chetola Resort 800-243-8652 - \$145+ 1-bedroom condo; Cliff Dwellers Inn - 828-295-3121 - \$60 (bottom floor) - \$100 (top floor); Green Park Inn - 800-852-2462 - \$79-\$119 (an old historic hotel); Hillwinds Inn - 828-295-7660 - \$68; Meadow Brook Inn - 828-295-4300 - \$129 Suites \$139-\$249 (fancy); Ridgeway Inn - 828-295-7321 - \$49 room \$135 cottage

There are two chain motels in Boone, about 15 minutes from Blowing Rock: Holiday Inn - 800-733-6867; Quality Inn - 800-228-5151.

In addition to motels, the following campgrounds are available. Most are seasonal, so be sure to call ahead.

Public campgrounds: Julian Price Memorial Park, Blue Ridge Parkway milepost 297.0 (approximately 5 miles from Days Inn); and Linville Falls, BRP milepost 316.3 (approximately 24 miles from Days Inn). For more info, call BRP at 828-271-4779.

Private campgrounds: Buffalo Camp RV Park, Blowing Rock, 828-295-7518;

Flintlock Campground, Boone, 828-963-5325; Linville Falls Lodge & Campground, off BRP milepost 317 (approx. 25 miles from Days Inn), www.linvillefalls.com, 828-765-2681; Bear Den Family Campground, BRP milepost 324.8 (approximately 32 miles from Days Inn), www.bear-den.com, 828-765-2888.

--Charlotte Goedsche--

New Hats and T-Shirts on Sale at Spring Meeting

We have ordered eight dozen hats in two styles, "stiff" and "unconstructed," and four color combinations. We have also ordered eight dozen t-shirt in "stonewashed blue" and "stone." For you tiny ladies we will have a few Mediums and Larges this time.

Shirts will again be only \$10, and hats have been reduced to a matching \$10.

--Gail Lankford--

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, Lex Glover, chair and members Judy Walker and John Fussell, would like to present the following slate for the upcoming elections to the Executive Board of the Carolina Bird Club at the Spring Meeting.

The following are eligible for another term: Len Pardue from Ashville, NC for President, Patrica Tyndall from Wake Forest, NC for Treasurer and Kathleen O'Grady from Columbia, SC for Secretary.

Additional candidates and positions are: Donna Bailey from Winnsboro, SC for SC Vice-president, Susan Campbell from Whispering Pines, NC for ENC Member-At-Large, Dwayne Martin from Claremont, NC for WNC Member-At-Large and Gary Sowell from Columbia, SC for SC Member-At-Large.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank the above for accepting their positions on the Executive Board.

--Lex Glover--

Spring Field Trips (continued)

Around noon, we will then boat over to the east end of Shackleford Banks where we'll cover the extensive mud flats, which are very good for shorebirds. We'll hope for something like a Long-billed Curlew or Reddish Egret. We will return at 4:00 p.m.

Barbour's Harbor Marina is located just off the main road that runs the length of

Harkers Island, 3.5 miles after you have crossed the bridge onto the island. Everyone is responsible for bringing a lunch. This will be a rather rigorous trip. you will have to walk at least a mile in the morning and a half mile in the afternoon. There is no drinking water at either site. primitive restrooms are available at Cape Lookout, but not Shackleford. Mosquitoes can be bothersome at Cape Lookout. Bring sunscreen.

Although I don't want to encourage this, if someone wants to go only in the morning or afternoon, that can be arranged (\$15 for morning ferry run, \$10 for afternoon).

Registration: Call John Fussell at (252) 240-1046 to reserve space on trip and receive additional information. Mail your check and reservation form to CBC headquarters at the address indicated on the form.

Registration Form Carolina Bird Club Spring Field Trips

Name(s) _____

(list names of all participants)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ (day) () _____ (evening) E-mail _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ participants in the _____ field trip. I have called the trip leader to ensure that space is available.

Mail with check payable to Carolina Bird Club, Inc., 11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-1029

Meeting Registration Form
CBC Spring Meeting, May 5-7, 2000

Name(s) _____
(list each name for name tags)
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ (day) (____) _____ (evening) e-mail _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ member registrations at \$10 each and _____ nonmember registrations at \$20 each. Registration at the meeting will be \$20 for members or nonmembers.

Field Trip Registration

In the form below please indicate by Trip Number your choice of field trips. If registering for more than one person write the first name with each choice. Note that Trips # 7, 8, 14 and 29 require a fee payable at the meeting. Register for # 39 with TNC.

Friday (morning)	Friday (afternoon)	Saturday (morning or full-day)	Saturday (afternoon)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Mail with check to Carolina Bird Club, Inc., 11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-1029

Motel Reservation Form
Carolina Bird Club Spring Meeting, May 5-7, 2000

Name(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please reserve a _____ non-smoking _____ smoking room for _____ occupants at the Carolina Bird Club meeting rate of \$65.50 plus tax. Arrival _____ Departure _____ My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. (Note: A third person in the room is \$5 extra. Personal checks will not be accepted after 30 days before arrival. Payment at check-out must be by credit card or business check. Reservation deadline is April 1.)

Mail with deposit to Days Inn Mountain Resort, P.O. Box 2307, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 or call (828) 295-4422

Membership Application and Order Form

Name _____ Address _____
(List individual member first then any associate members.)
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Enter/Renew Membership As Indicated:

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_____ Associate (in household w/ind) (\$5)	_____ Life (\$400)	_____ CBC Decals (vinyl stick-on) \$2.00 ea., \$1.75 ea. in
_____ Student (\$15)	(4 installments of \$100)	quantity
_____ Sustaining (and businesses) (\$25)		_____ Checklists 10/\$1.75, 25/\$5, 50/\$9.50, 75/\$12.75, 100/\$16

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Little Switzerland, NC

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Waynesville, NC

Jeffrey & Barbara Perry
Durham, NC

Heather Stewart
Raleigh, NC

Deceased

Henry A. Rankin, Jr.
Wilmington, NC

Beaufort Meeting (continued)

evening program could not make it, so the Hallerons, who had hosted the social hour both days, graciously offered the group a double feature. First, they shared a slide show of their trip to Florida, Texas and southeast Arizona. For some in the audience it was a trip down memory lane; for others, the slides of Great Kiskadee, Elegant Trogon, assorted hummers and other southwestern specialties served to whet their appetite for birding outside the Carolinas. After the countdown, George and Judy showed slides of their trip to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

At the count-down 158 species of birds were reported, all from the area bordered by the Edisto River to the north, U.S. 17 to the west, and the state of Georgia to the south. Thanks go to the field-trip leaders, some of whom had been pressed into service at the last minute, for helping folks get on those birds, and special thanks to Van and the Hallerons and the folks at the Holiday Inn for making our stay so pleasant. It surely was a memorable meeting.